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Manager's Newsletter

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Kitty Hawk Town Council Will Consider Adoption of a Dangerous Animal Ordinance at the March 2, 2009 Town Council Meeting

Dare County met on February 16, 2009 and adopted a Dangerous Animal Ordinance with suggestions from the Town of Kitty Hawk and the Town Attorney.

The main concerns about the County Ordinance was that it allows for the Animal Control Officer or law enforcement officer to seize a dog after an attack on a human or other animal and confine the dog in the pound until such times as the Dare County Health Director can make a determination that the dog is dangerous. If the dog is found to be dangerous, the owner will be notified and given three days in which to appeal the determination of the Health Director to the Dare County Dangerous Animal Appeal Board. Within ten days the Dare County Dangerous Animal Appeal Board shall convene and determine if the determination of the Health Director will be upheld. If the owner does not accept the decision of the Dare County Dangerous Animal Appeal Board, the owner may appeal the decision to the superior court. The decision of the Dare County Dangerous Animal Appeal Board shall be final. Upon final determination that a dog is dangerous, it will be humanely destroyed. If the dog is determined not to be dangerous, it will be returned to the owner.

The Town staff is awaiting a final written version of the County Ordinance and will be presenting a similar ordinance at the March 2, 2009 Town Council meeting.

Should residents require a copy of the proposed ordinance that will come before the Town Council on March 2, 2009, you may contact Elizabeth Reilly at ereilly@kittyhawktown.net or 261-3552.

Town of Kitty Hawk Closes Beach Access

Maynard Beach Access is closed due to erosion. The re-open date is unknown at this time.

Beach Access Campaign Launches Website

An informative and inter-active website has been launched by the grassroots campaign to preserve access to America's beaches. The website address is **PreserveBeachAccess.org** and features comprehensive coverage about the issue of beach access in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area (CHNSRA). The campaign is supported by the Dare County Board of Commissioners in partnership with the Dare County Tourism Board.

PreserveBeachAccess.org explains the history of the first National Seashore and how it was created with the solemn promise, to the people of Dare County, that recreational access would never be denied. A variety of "My Story" videos share personal experiences of how lives and businesses have been negatively impacted by the restrictions imposed last year by the consent decree.

A vital part of preserving beach access is building a database of support from residents and visitors. "Act Now" is an on-line opportunity to join the grassroots campaign at **PreserveBeachAccess.org** and show you care about beach access. As legislative issues arise, those in the database will automatically be kept informed and learn how to take appropriate action in support of open and accessible beaches.

In launching the website, Dare County Board of Commissioners Chairman, Warren Judge said, "Our people have been hurt by the efforts to restrict beach access." He explained, "PreserveBeachAccess.org is a reliable source where people can get honest information about the issue and help preserve our culture, history and way of life."

An update on beach access legislation re-introduced by Congressman Walter Jones and a diary of Jimmy Buffett's most recent visit to the beaches of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area can now be seen at **PreserveBeachAccess.org**.

Residents and visitors of Dare County are encouraged to visit the website regularly for the latest beach access information and bookmark **PreserveBeachAccess.org** as a favorite site on their computer.

Recycling in the Town of Kitty Hawk

The Town of Kitty Hawk is excited to announce a new voluntary subscription recycling program for residential customers.

This service will be provided once a week, on Mondays, for a monthly fee of \$8.95.

If you are interested in signing up for this voluntary service, please contact Outer Banks Hauling at 252-480-6699.

Kitty Hawk Fire Department Association 2009 Golf Tournament

Saturday, May 30, 2009

Shotgun Start Time at 1:00 pm

Hosted by Duck Woods Golf Course

50 S. Dogwood Trail, Southern Shores, NC 27949

Tournament Details:

The KHFDA Annual Golf Tournament is a Captain's Choice Tournament, limited to 30 teams. The cost per team for the tournament is \$320.00; the price includes golf cart, green fees, and a fish fry dinner at the completion of the tournament. Awards will be given to the top three teams in the Open Class and the top team made up of all firefighters from the same department.

To register your team or become a sponsor for the tournament, please contact the Fire Department at 261-2666. Registration forms may also be downloaded from our website, <u>Kittyhawkfd.com</u>. Click on <u>KHFDA Golf</u> to access Open Team, Fire Department Team, and/or Sponsorship registration forms.

Opportunities to Participate

Town Council Meeting

Monday, March 2, 2009 at 6 p.m.

<u>Planning Board Meeting</u>

Thursday, March 5, 2009 at 6 p.m.

Heritage Day Committee Meeting

Tuesday, March 31, 2009 at 6 p.m.

Recreation Committee Meeting

Tuesday, March 31, 2009 at 7 p.m.

(All Meetings to be held at Kitty Hawk Town Hall unless otherwise noted.)